

El Rancho Verde MAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Council Members Present

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| Joe Ayala | Lynn Boshart | Robb Bourland | William Hughes |
| Lacy Kendall | Gem Montes | Bedalia Valeds-Bovin | |

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Kendall moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Council Member Valeds-Bovin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Staff Reports

5th District County Supervisor Josie Gonzales

Supervisor Gonzales officially announced that the Special Districts election to support maintenance of the Riverside Median had passed. The Supervisor believes that the success of the election is a reflection of the community's commitment to improving their neighborhoods.

The Supervisor also reported that the El Rancho Verde Community Clean Up was a resounding success. In total, 187 vehicles were served and 36 tons of trash, tires and debris were removed from the El Rancho Verde Community.

The Supervisor then opened the floor to questions from residents:

Will Rialto Annex the unincorporated area of ERV?

The Supervisor stated that the city of Rialto has no immediate plans to annex the unincorporated areas of north Rialto.

Who is grading in the wash to the north of ERV?

The Supervisor reported that in 2001 a development company received approval for a project from the Board of Supervisors to develop the area in and around the wash. While the Supervisor was not on the Board at that time, she has met with the developer regarding the project. At this time she is unsure how far along they are with the project. She instructed staff to follow up and report back to the MAC.

Why does the county not offer street sweeping?

There is currently no funding source to pay for street sweeping services. An adjustment to the budget and approval by the Board of Supervisors would be required to enact street sweeping services.

Can the county mail out MAC flyers to all county residents on a monthly basis?

Due to the high cost of postage the Supervisor's office is unable to mail monthly flyers to the more than 1,000 residents in the unincorporated areas of North Rialto. The MAC however, has arranged for volunteers to circulate flyers throughout the community.

What can be done to increase police presence in the unincorporated areas?

The Supervisor stated that she has met with officials at the Sheriff's Department to discuss utilizing Deputies formally assigned to recently annexed areas. The Supervisor would like to see those deputies assigned to areas within the 5th District to increase patrol coverage in the unincorporated areas.

Field Representative – Lisha Smith

Ms. Smith announced two upcoming events:

BSAA Sports & Music Camp Presents Nick Cannon – Saturday, September 9th, 2006 at A.B. Miller High School (6821 Oleander Ave., Fontana, CA 92336). For more info contact 310-858-6565 or log on to www.blacksportsagents.com. This event is free for youths grades K-12. Parents must register their children in advance.

San Bernardino County's 4th Annual Celebrating Seniors Healthy Aging Fair – Thursday, September 21st, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orange Show Fairgrounds (689 South E St., San Bernardino, CA). Sponsored by County Department of Aging and Adult Services and 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales. Reservations required, call 1-800-510-2020. For more info call Glenda Jackson at 909-891-3900.

Sheriff's Department – Detective Frank Root

Det. Root reported that the only crime on the rise in the unincorporated areas of North Rialto is auto theft. Honda Civic and Toyota Camry are the two most stolen makes and models. He suggested residents take extra precautions to ensure their vehicles are secured.

If residents have complaints regarding excessively loud music they may contact the Sheriff's Dept. at (909) 356-6767.

The Fontana Sheriff's Station is responsible for serving the unincorporated community of Rialto. For non-emergency calls and/or information residents should contact the station at (909) 356-6767. For emergencies call 911.

Special Presentation

County Department of Public Works – Brendon Biggs, Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Biggs reported that the county received special funding from the state to provide curb and gutter repair to unincorporated residents. Public Works has targeted the areas of greatest need and they have contacted the homeowners to inform them of the repair.

There have been several complaints regarding the surfacing of Riverside Ave. The section of the street in question is within the City of Rialto. Public Works will contact the city and inform them of the residents' request.

Residents also expressed concerns regarding the safety of students crossing at Riverside and Linden. Staff agreed to investigate and follow-up at the next meeting.

County Department of Public Works – Jacob Babico, Chief Traffic Engineer

Mr. Babico explained why the county does not use speed bumps to manage excessive speeding. He stated that speed bumps on public roadways present a tremendous liability for the county. They make it difficult for emergency vehicles to maneuver over and around the speed bumps in a timely manner. Speed bumps also inhibit proper drainage along curbs and gutters. Mr. Babico suggested that the county look into other options to prevent speeding. He suggested the use of striping and/or the construction of rotaries. These devices have worked in other areas and may reduce speeding in the El Rancho Verde area.

Residents also requested the county to determine the feasibility of installing a four-way stop at Lilac and Cheshire.

Det. Root also added that the Sheriff's Dept. could help reduce speeding through targeted enforcement. If residents know or see which vehicles are repeat offenders they can contact the Sheriff's Dept. and file a report.

OLD BUSINESS

Non-Action Items:

None

Action Items:

NEW BUSINESS

Non-Action Items:

Top Issues to address in the El Rancho Verde Community:

- Code Enforcement: including storage of RV's, boats, and commercial vehicles
- New Development in the immediate surrounding areas
- Traffic Safety

Action Items:

None

Subcommittee Reports

Riverside Ave. Realignment – Lacey Kendall

Ms. Kendall reported that the construction mentioned earlier during the meeting is for new water main construction. the realignment project at Riverside Ave. & Kendall has been delayed due to the need to redesign the intersection.

Public Comment

Member ReportsJoe Ayala

No report

Lynn Boshart

No report

Robb Bourland

No report

Bill Hughes

No report

Lacy Kendall

No report

Gem Montes

No report

Bedalia Valeds-Bovin

No report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for September 12, 2006.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – El Rancho Verde MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565